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FACILITIES TO UNORGANISED SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated schemes to provide educational and medical facilities to the labourers serving in the unorganised sector in the country;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the funds likely to be made available for the implementation of such schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): Government have formulated various schemes under the existing Labour Welfare Funds viz.
(i) Beedi Workers Welfare Fund,

(ii) Cine Workers Welfare Fund,
(iii) Iron Ore Mines, Manganese Ore Mines and Chrome Ore Mines Welfare Fund,
(iv) Lime Stone and Dolomite Mines Labour Welfare Fund and
(v) Mica Mines Labour Welfare fund to provide educational and medical facilities to labourers working in respective areas/fields, many of whom are in the unorganised sector. The salient features of the schemes and budgetary estimates likely to be made available for the implementation of the schemes during 2000-2001 are annexed.

Besides, the Government have also enacted the Building and Other construction Workers (Regulation of Employmentand Conditions of Service Act, 1996 and Building and Other Construction Workers` Welfare CessAct, 1996 which provide for payment of financial assistance for education of children of the building and other construction workers and also for medical expenses for treatment of major ailment of themselves and their dependents. The welfare measures in this regard would be provided by the State Governments concerned being the appropriate Government under the Act.

Further, the Government is also implementing a workers` education scheme under which training programmes are organised by the Central Board for Workers` Education in the organised and unorganised sectors.The programmes reflect the new orientation, direction and dimensions for meeting the wider educational needs of the workers.